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## INSEASON ASSESSMENT OF UPPER COOK INLET SOCKEYE SALMON RUN THROUGH JULY 24, 2022

On July 25, 2022, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game estimated the total Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) sockeye salmon run through July 24 to be 3.7 million fish. The department projects the total UCI sockeye salmon run for 2022 to be 6.4 million fish. The estimated Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon stock through July 24 is 1.9 million fish. The department projects the total Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon run to be 3.6 million fish and will likely be on-time to 3 days late in run timing.

The preseason forecast for the Kenai River late run sockeye salmon return was 2.9 million fish. With this inseason assessment, management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet and Central District drift gillnet commercial fisheries will not change and will continue to be managed for run sizes between 2.3 to 4.6 million Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon. Based on this projected run size, the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon inriver goal range remains between 1.1 to 1.4 million fish.